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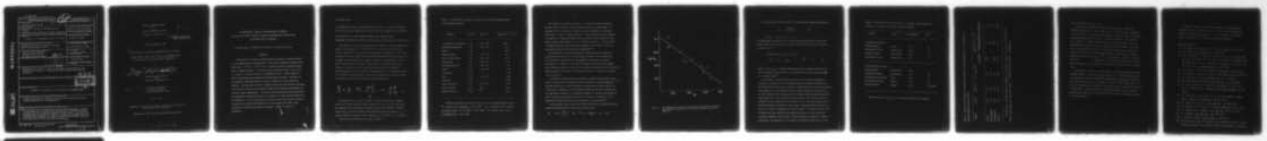

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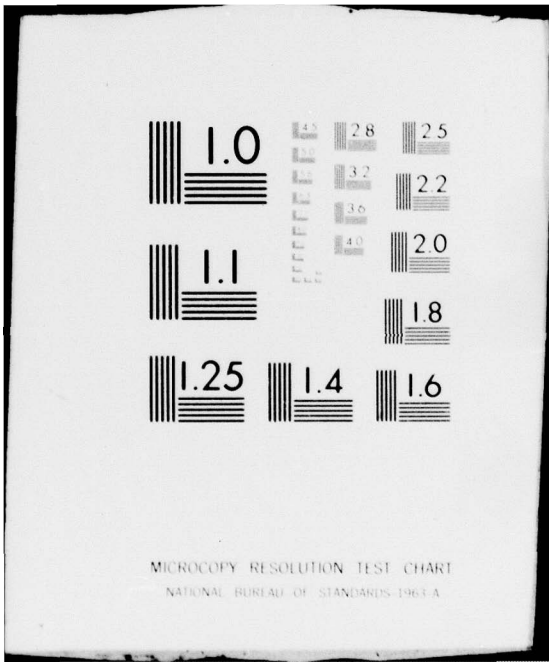
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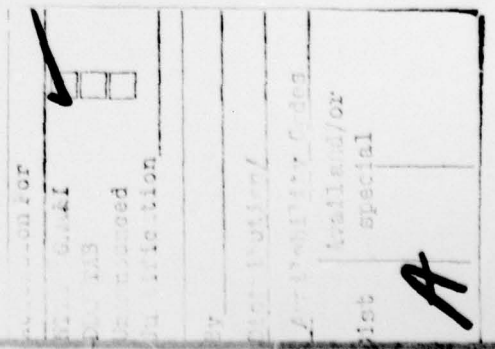
ABSTRACT

The quenching of biacetyl phosphorescence by alkenes in benzene solution at room temperature has been observed. Stern-Volmer quenching constants which range from 1×10^4 to 1×10^7 M^{-1} sec^{-1}, correlate with the ionization potentials of alkene quenchers. The slope of the correlation line ($\Delta \log k_q/\Delta IP$) is -1.90 eV^{-1}, a value similar to IP dependences found in other studies of ketone fluorescence and phosphorescence quenching by alkenes. Constants for the quenching of phosphorescence of several ketones by a given alkene are compared. The data, which include relatively low values for biacetyl quenching, do not reflect electron donor-acceptor properties of ketones and quenchers but show more complex dependences. The results are consistent with the formulation of the empirical quenching constant as a product of an equilibrium constant for the formation of an excited complex of ketone triplet and alkene (a constant relatable to the mutual polarizability of the encounter pair) and a rate constant for exciplex decay (which represents a number of competing processes).



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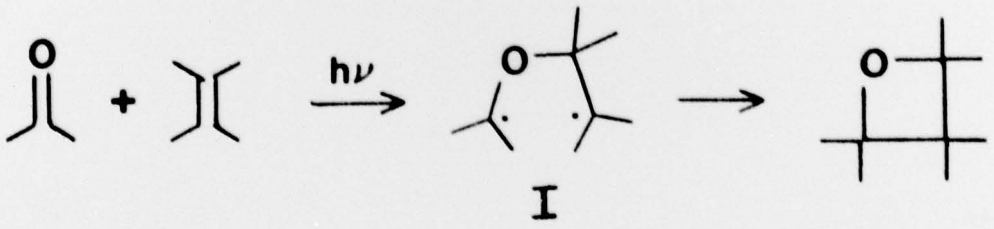
The quenching of ketone phosphorescence by alkenes has been the subject of a number of investigations.[1] The relationships of structure and reactivity for the interaction of ketone triplets and alkenes are important to the understanding of the well known oxetane ring-forming Paterno-Buchi reaction (eqn 1).[2] A number of ketone/alkene pairs appear to undergo cycloaddition by a triplet path.[3] Biacetyl has been shown to participate in the Paterno-Buchi cycloaddition in competition with a photochemical ene addition to alkenes;[4] a triplet mechanism including diradical intermediates (e.g., I) has been suggested.[5] We wish to report results concerning the quenching of biacetyl triplets by alkenes including those important in photocycloaddition.



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The quenching by a series of alkenes of steady-state biacetyl phosphorescence in nitrogen-purged or degassed benzene solutions at room temperature was analyzed using conventional procedures (Perkin Elmer MPF44A instrument). Values of $k_q\tau_o$ from Stern-Volmer plots along with quenching constants k_q, calculated assuming a biacetyl triplet lifetime (τ_o) of 0.46 ms[6] and including data from the literature, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Stern-Volmer Constants for Quenching of Biacetyl Phosphorescence by Unsaturated Compounds

Quencher	IP_v(eV)[a]	$k_q\tau_o(M^{-1})$	$k_q(M^{-1}sec.^{-1} \times 10^{-5})$
2,5-dimethyl-2,4-hexadiene	7.84	3.66×10^5	7960.
hexamethyldewarbenzene	7.90	1.04×10^3	22.6
indole	7.92	----	129.[b]
N-methylpyrrole	7.95	1.25×10^3	27.2
trans-1-phenylpropene	8.28	4.84×10^2	10.5
dihydropyran	8.34	9.06×10^1	1.97
tetramethylethylene	8.42	7.00×10^1	1.52
indene	8.63	1.24×10^2	2.70
cyclohexene	8.72	----	1.00[c]
furan	8.89	3.15×10^1	0.68
norbornene	8.95	----	0.24[d]
ethyl vinyl ether	9.07	2.63×10^1	0.57
trans-2-hexene	9.16	4.60	0.10
methacrylonitrile	10.39	< 0.5	< 0.01

[a]Ionization potentials from the literature, most from photoelectron spectra. [b]E. Fujimori, Mol. Photochem., 6, 91 (1974). [c]H.L.J. Backstrom and K. Sandros, Acta Chem. Scand., 14, 48 (1960). [d]R.R. Sauers, P.C. Valenti, and E. Tauss Tetrahedron Lett., 3129 (1975).

The pattern of quenching constants as a function of alkene structure was most readily related to electron donor properties of the alkenes. A reasonable fit of the data with alkene ionization potentials (correlation coefficient = 0.939) is shown in Figure 1. The unusually effective quencher, 2,5-dimethyl-2,4 -hexadiene (DMH) was not included in the correlation since energy transfer from biacetyl (E_T = 56 kcal/mol) to DMH (E_T < 56 kcal/mol[7]) is probably important (energy transfer quenching of dicarbonyl triplets by conjugated dienes has been previously documented[6,8]).

The dependence of quenching constant on alkene ionization potential is consistent with the behavior of other ketone triplets[1] and is reminiscent of relationships established for the quenching of alkanone and alkanal fluorescence. A summary of data (Table 2) shows the nearly uniform dependence of emission quenching rate for n,π* carbonyl excited states on the electron donor properties of alkenes. The slopes of IP plots ($\Delta \log k_q/\Delta$ IP) average -1.78 ± 0.38 eV^{-1}.

In studies of carbonyl emission quenching, apparent donor-acceptor interaction has been usually associated with the formation of excited complexes.[1,9-12] Although exciplexes of simple ketones and alkenes have not been directly detected, their intermediacy (in fluorescence quenching) has been inferred from the temperature dependence of quenching constants.[9] Deviant Stern-Volmer behavior has been associated with reversible formation of exciplexes in the quenching of glyoxal phosphorescence by alkenes in the gas phase.[13]

For bimolecular decay of biacetyl triplets and alkenes, reversible exciplex formation and deactivation involve the following steps

$$^3BI + ALK \underset{k_{-1}}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} {}^3EXC \xrightarrow{k_2} PRODUCT + BI + ALK$$

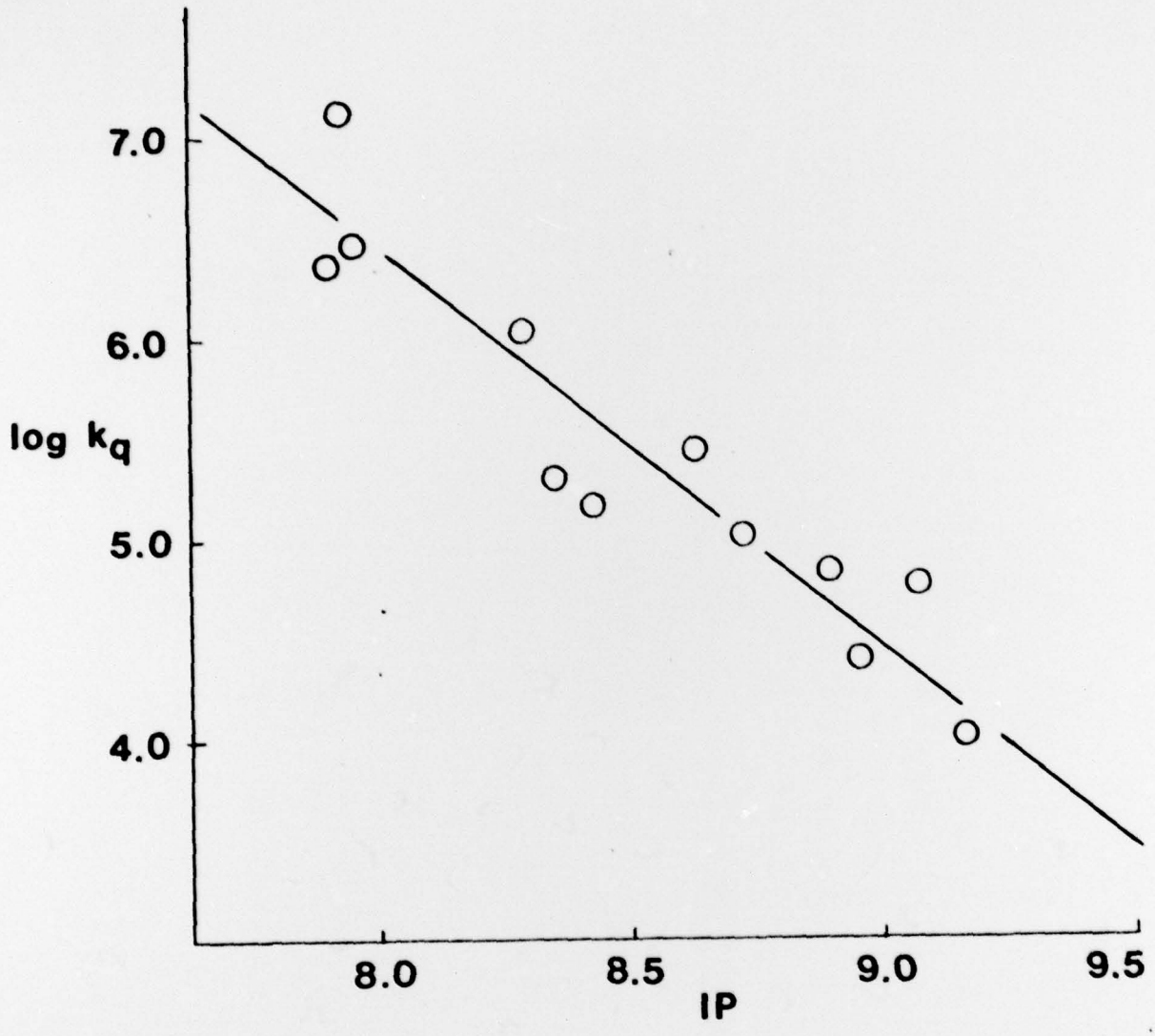

Figure 1. The dependence of biacetyl phosphorescence quenching constant on the ionization potential (eV) of alkene quenchers (data from Table 1).

For this simple kinetics scheme, the phosphorescence quenching constant is

$$k_q = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_{-1} + k_2} \qquad (3)$$

and $k_q = K_1 k_2$ if $k_{-1} >> k_2$

The dependence of quenching rate on alkene ionization potential follows from proportionalities associated with charge transfer within sensitizer-quencher encounter pairs.[14]

$$\log k_q \propto \log K_1 \propto \Delta G_{ct} \propto E_{ox} \propto IP$$

$$\Delta G_{ct} = E_{ox} - E_{red} - E_T - \frac{e^2}{\varepsilon r} - T\Delta S \qquad (4)$$

where E_{ox} and E_{red} are standard redox potentials for alkenes and biacetyl in their electronic ground states, E_T is the biacetyl excitation energy and $\frac{e^2}{\varepsilon r}$ is a coulombic term.[15]

Loutfy and his coworkers[1] have used eqn 4 in an extensive treatment of reversible exciplex kinetics for alkene quenching of ketone phosphorescence. The implication of this work is that for a given ketone and a series of quenchers $\log k_q \propto \log K_1$ is the important relation, whereas structural effects on k_2 are less important and not related to the principal donor-acceptor interaction represented by K_1. (For acetone and donor alkenes a 200 fold range was calculated for K_1 as opposed to 20 fold change in k_2 in the opposite direction.[1]) We have paid special attention to the change in phosphorescence quenching constant for a series of ketones with a single alkene. The sample of data (Table 3) taken from other studies and including our biacetyl results shows that structural changes in ketone lead to large variations in quenching constants. Importantly, the dependence is not readily associated with the redox driving

Table 2. The Quenching of Emission from n,π* Carbonyl Excited States by Alkenes as a Function of Quencher Ionization Potential

System	Solvent	IP Dependence[a]	Ref
Fluorescence quenching			
acetone/alkenes	hexane	-1.28	9
acetone/enol ethers	acetonitrile	-2.10	10
biacetyl/alkenes	acetonitrile	-2.10	11
biacetyl/enol ethers	acetonitrile	-2.70	11
Phosphorescence quenching			
acetone/alkenes	acetonitrile	-1.66	1
acetone/enol ethers	acetonitrile	-1.50	10
benzophenone/enol ethers	freon	-1.65	10
butyrophenone/alkenes	benzene	-1.09	12
biacetyl/alkenes	benzene	-1.90	this work

[a]Slopes of plots of log k_q vs IP (ionization potentials of alkenes).

Table 3. Ketone Triplet Energies and Reduction Potentials and Rate Constants for the Quenching of Ketone Phosphorescence by Alkenes

Ketone	E_T (eV)	E_{red}[a] (V)	$E_T + E_{red}$ (eV)	$k_q(M^{-1}sec^{-1}) \times 10^{-6}$		
				enol ether	tetramethylethylene	norbornene
Acetone	3.38	-2.31	1.07	340[b]	51	43
Butyrophenone	3.13	-2.03	1.10		460	37
Benzophenone	2.94	-1.84	1.10	1100[b]	895	40
Biacetyl	2.42	-1.22	1.20	0.20[c]	0.15	0.024

[a]Polarographic half-wave reduction potentials (vs Ag/AgCl, CH_3CN); ref 1 and G.A. Russell and S.A. Weiner, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 89, 6623 (1967). [b]1-Ethoxy-2-methyl propene. [c]Dihydropyran

force for the ketones ($E_{red} + E_T$).

Since exciplex formation constants are expected to be similar for different ketones and a single quencher (ΔG_{ct} is almost constant, suggesting similar values for K_1 assuming common coulombic and entropy factors), relative quenching rates may reflect changes in exciplex decay rate. The makeup of k_2 is complex; it includes rate constants for product formation as well as parameters for unproductive decay to ketone and starting alkene. One factor that is likely to be important is the ketone excitation energy (the most important driving force for mounting decay barriers) revealed in the general diminished reactivity of biacetyl [6,16]. If the sequence, ^{3}ketone → ^{3}exciplex → ^{3}diradical is important,[17] then diradical stability (which along with E_T determines the exothermicity of diradical formation) will be reflected in k_2.

For diradical formation the effectiveness of the presumed reactive center (carbonyl oxygen) in alkene attack may be decisive. The delocalized nature of the non-bonding orbitals of biacetyl[18] (compared with monoketones) matches the much reduced reactivity of the dicarbonyl triplet.[19] Other factors may be important in determining the rate of direct exciplex decay (not involving diradical intermediates), including rotational and other motion away from an exciplex geometry which affects spin-orbit coupling and the rate of intersystem crossing to the ground state.[21]

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